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SIR:

I, Hajime Ikuno, a citizen of Japan,

hereby declare and state that:

1. I have a degree in Master of metallic material engineering, which was conferred upon me in Japan by Osaka University,

located in 2-1 Tamadaoka, Suita, Osaka.

2. I have been employed by Toyota Central Research & Development Labs., Inc. since 1985 and I have a total of 22 years of work and research experience in the field of Metallic materials.

3. The following experiments were carried out by me or under my direct supervision and control.

4. The experimental conditions used to create Tables 9 and 10 of the specification were used to produce the attached Tables 9+ and 10+.